in aggregative terms has resulted in higher employment in agriculture.

Damages due to Floods in Karnataka

2022. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team visited Karnataka to take stock of the damages caused due to recent rains/floods, if so, the details of their findings;

(b) what demand the State Government have made to Central Government for Central assistance under different heads; and

(c) the amount released by Government so far and that likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnatka had requested for assistance of Rs. 1352.13 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) under the following sectors:

		(R . in crore)
1.	Rescue & Relief	3.13
2.	Livestock	1.84
3.	Agriculture	400.00
4.	Repairs to damaged houses	49.21
5.	Buildings	18.28
6.	Bridges and culverts	67.62
7.	Roads	294.92
8.	Minor Irrigation Tanks	76.17
9.	Canals	11.21
10.	Others sectors*	429.75

* Includes house construction. Health and Family Welfare, Road Repairs in the Limits of Bangalore City Corporation.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas from 17th to 19th November, 1998 for assessment of the situation. The request of the State Government is under process in accordance with the established procedure for grant of assistance from the NFCR.

The entire Central share of Rs. 34.81 crore, out of the allocation of Rs. 46.41 crore to the State under Calamity Relief Fund for 1998-99, has already been released.

Problems of Cotton Growers

2023. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the committee on the problems of cotton growers constituted by the Rajya Sabha; and

(b) the action taken, if any, on the recommendation of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Report on the problems of cotton growers submitted by Rajya Sabha Committee on 12.8.97 was circulated to various cotton growing states and concerned Ministry for follow up action.

The major recommendations of the committee include more concentrated focus on Integrated Pest Management availability of the seed, educating farmers for latest production technology to increase the production, efficient use of available irrigation water, improving the quality of cotton lint through improving the market infrastructure and modernising ginning/ pressing factories.

The concerned State Government and Central Ministries have been suggested to take appropriate action on the recommendations concerning them. The Ministry of Agriculture have incorporated appropriate recommendations in the cotton development scheme for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Ramaiah Committee Recommendation

2024. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR had accepted Ramaiah Committee recommendation that each library be given status equal to that of Department or Division of the Institute to whcih it belongs and librarians should have status as recommended by UGC for the universities and colleges and this decision was conveyed to its

all Research Institutes vide Letter No. 17(16)/ 68-Edn-II dated 21st November/3rd December, 1969 for its implementation; and

(b) if so, the reasons that neither IARI Library has since been given status of its Divisions nor its librarians have been UGC Pay Scales equivalent to librarians of Deemed Universities and State Agricultural Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was reorganised in 1975 into scientific and technical services. After its reorganisation the Ramaiah Committee recommendation became irrelevant. While the UGC pay Scales have been adopted by ICAR for scientific cadre, for other staff, viz. technical, administrative and supporting, ICAR has adopted Central Govenrment Pay Scales. According to Rules and Bye Laws of ICAR Society, the Librarians are categorised as Technical and hence the question of giving them UGC Pay Scales does not arise.

Per Capita Availability of Milk

2025. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the per capita milk availability in the country for the last three years and the demand-supply position, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): The per capita availability and demand/requirement of milk in the country during the last three years are as under:

Year	Per capita availability of milk (gramme per day)	Demand/ Requirement (Million-Tonne)	Milk Produced/ Available (Million-Tonne)
1995-96	197	73.9	66.3
1996-97	200	75.2	68.3
1997-98	203	76.4	70.6

The demand is based on the recommended nutritional norms prescribed by Indian Council of Medical Research.

Milk production in the country

2026. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of milk in the country, Statewise both in private arid public sector,

(b) what is the total requirement of milk in the country.

(c) whether there is any shortfall in milk production; and

(d) If so, what steps are being taken to increase the milk production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Statewise production of milk in the country during 1997-98 is given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) As per nutrtional norms recommended by ICMR, me total requirement of milk in the country for 1997-98 is 76.4 million tonnes against the estimated production of milk of 70.6 million tonnes.

(d) Various central and centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented to increase milk production. Some of the important schemes/programmes are as follows:-

(i) Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and progeny Testing Programme.

(ii) National Bull Production Programme.

(iii) Assistance to States for feed and Fodder Development.

(iv) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.

(v) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.

(vi) Integrated Dairy Development Projects in Non-Operation Flood, Hillay and Backward Areas.